Financial position of Jawahar Lal Nehru Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Jabalpur

730. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jawahar Lal Nehru Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh is facing acute academic problems due to paucity of funds;

(b) whether the University is facing severe financial constraints due to reduction in budget by by Indian Council of Agricultural Research;

(c) whether ICAR proposes to evaluate the financial position of the University by forming a Review Committee; and

(d) the steps being taken to ensure availability of sufficient funds to the University in near future and funds released so far during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) The Government|Indian Council of Agricultural Research are not aware of any specific academic problems of Jawahar Lal Nehru Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya.

(b) It has come to the notice of the Council through discussions in various forums like Regional Committee meeting of the Board of Management, etc. that the University is facing acute financial problems and the deficit, in the university is to the tune of about Rs. 800 crores. The main reason for such financial problem is inadequate financial support the University by the State Government and starting of new educational programmes without ensuring adequate financial support. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research have not made any education in its development assistance to the University during the Seventh

(c) No, Sir. Such a responsibility rests with the State Government.

(d) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research have allocated a sum of Rs. 173.40 lakhs for development assistance to this university during the Seventh Plan and a sum of Rs. 60.00 lakhs has already been released under the "Establishment and Development of Agricultural Universities" upto 1986-87. No demand for funds has been received from the University during the current year and as such no funds have been released during 1987-88. The Government|Indian Council of Agricultural Research are not in a position to provide any additional funds during the Seventh Five Year Plan. It is upto the State Government to take suitable measures to improve the financial position of the University.

Shortage of Fodder

731. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is acute shortage of fodder for cattle in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of the steps being taken to overcome this crisis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected from the State Governments and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha, as soon as received.

Procurement of Wheat by F.C.I.

732. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity of wheat procured by Food Corporation of India during the last two months, state-wise; and